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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
U.S. Justice Department  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

As an avid supporter of Microsoft products and services and a proponent of free market enterprise, Microsoft should be exonerated of all wrongdoing. I am happy to see that Microsoft will not be broken up, but I do believe the concessions they are making are too harsh. It is unfair that Microsoft is obligated to disclose intellectual property, such as interfaces and protocols to just to serve another software company. However, if Microsoft can tolerate the settlement, I support them.

Over the last decade, Microsoft has been the leading innovator in technology products and services. They have forced their own people and competitors to grow at unprecedented rates. Even in a faltering American economy, Microsoft has proven that it can maintain its vision.

I look forward to no further litigation against Microsoft and hope that the IT sector will be allowed to focus on business, which is in the best interest of the American public.

Sincerely,



Bernard Riechers

Cc: Senator Rick Santorum